

# House File 2431 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing appropriations to support the farm-to-school  
2 program.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 5731HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. APPROPRIATION == FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM.  
1 2 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
1 3 state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship  
1 4 for the designated fiscal years the following amounts, or so  
1 5 much thereof as is necessary, to provide grants to schools as  
1 6 part of the farm-to-school program as provided in chapter  
1 7 190A:  
1 8 a. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending  
1 9 June 30, 2009, to provide grants of one thousand dollars each  
1 10 to fifty schools:  
1 11 ..... \$ 50,000  
1 12 b. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending  
1 13 June 30, 2010, to provide grants of five hundred dollars each  
1 14 to fifty schools:  
1 15 ..... \$ 25,000  
1 16 2. The grants shall be used to provide schools with fresh  
1 17 and minimally processed food produced by Iowa farmers or  
1 18 minimally processed food derived from commodities produced by  
1 19 Iowa farmers for inclusion in school meals and snacks,  
1 20 encourage children to develop healthy eating habits, and  
1 21 provide Iowa farmers access to consumer markets.  
1 22 3. An elementary or secondary public or nonpublic school  
1 23 in this state is eligible to participate in the program. A  
1 24 school shall submit an application for a grant as provided by  
1 25 the department. The farm-to-school council created in section  
1 26 190A.2 shall award the grants.  
1 27 4. The department of agriculture and land stewardship  
1 28 shall cooperate with the department of education in  
1 29 administering this section.

### EXPLANATION

1 31 This bill appropriates moneys to the department of  
1 32 agriculture and land stewardship for FY 2008=2009 and FY  
1 33 2009=2010 to support the farm-to-school program in Code  
1 34 chapter 190A enacted by the general assembly in 2007 to  
1 35 encourage and promote the purchase of locally and regionally  
2 1 produced or processed food produced by Iowa farmers in order  
2 2 to improve child nutrition and strengthen local and regional  
2 3 farm economies.  
2 4 The bill provides for the allocation of grants to provide  
2 5 schools with fresh and minimally processed food for inclusion  
2 6 in school meals and snacks, encourage children to develop  
2 7 healthy eating habits, and provide Iowa farmers access to  
2 8 consumer markets. The allocations are to be made by the  
2 9 farm-to-school council established in Code section 190A.2.  
2 10 The department of agriculture and land stewardship is required  
2 11 to cooperate with the department of education in administering  
2 12 the bill.  
2 13 LSB 5731HH 82  
2 14 da/nh/5.1